GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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IRRIGATION POTENTIAL
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) various States had utilised a sum of Rs. 1450 crore during 1996-98, but no addition in the irrigation potential has been achieved;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to completely utilise the allocated amount?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (c) During the period 1996-98, Central Loan Assistance (CLA) of Rs. 1452.19 crore under Accelerated Irrigation benefits Programme (AIBP) was made available to various States. As reported by these States, potential of about 297.00 th. ha. was created under AIBP during this period. As per the AIBP norms, next instalment of CLA is released for a project only when the State Government has fully utilized the CLA released earlier.